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Date: March 31, 2000

Docket No.: 1190-0456P

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 08/925,074 filed on September 8, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

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for

DIGITAL VTR

- ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
- ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$690.00	\$345.00
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TOTAL			\$924.00	\$0.00

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$924.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

a. ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional of ~~co-pending~~ Application No. 08/925,074, filed on September 8, 1997, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.-- PAT. NO. 6,081,649

b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of co-pending Application No. 08/925,074, filed on September 8, 1997. Application No. 08/925,074 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ filed on under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

6. ☒ Enclosed is/are forty-two (42) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
7. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 08/925,074 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to:
Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo, Japan
9. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 6-099370, 6-102235, 6-102206, 6-107985, 6-121718 and 6-186036 filed in Japan on April 12, 1994, April 14, 1994, April 15, 1994, April 21, 1994, May 10, 1994 and August 8, 1994, respectively, is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on April 5, 1995.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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13. ☐ An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 08/925,074 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

Letter submitting Co-Pending Application Information

Letter to the Official Draftsperson

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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By 
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Masako ASAMURA et al.
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LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Date: March 31, 2000

Sir:

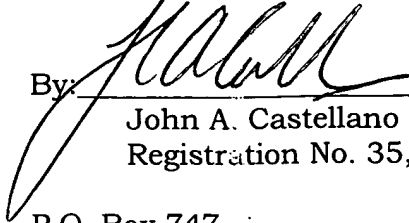
Attached hereto are three (3) sheets of corrected formal drawing which comply with the revisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.84. The drawings should be made part of the record in the above-identified application.

If for any unforeseen reason the formal drawings are not in compliance with U.S. practice, please consider this letter as a petition for an extension of time to correct the formal drawings and immediately contact the undersigned so that appropriate action may be taken.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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